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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 9/8/2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. Applicant argues that neither reference discusses "a lead body adapted such that a layer of blood cells is formed on the outer surface when exposed to a bloodstream." Examiner respectfully disagrees. Examiner considers Helland to teach the microspheres allowing a layer of blood cells to form as blood passes through the pores created by the microspheres (e.g. Col. 6, line 16).
3. Further, since the microsphere textured surface as taught by Helland is of the same material and size as applicant's claimed textured surface, one would expect the system as taught by Thoren in view of Helland to produce the same layer of blood cells when exposed to a bloodstream.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOSEPH STOKLOSA whose telephone number is (571)272-1213. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30-4:00.

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